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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 00-450-A)**

In re Application of:

Polverino et al.

Serial No.: 09/724,000

Filed: November 28, 2000

**For: Secreted Epithelial Colon Stromal-1
Molecules and Uses Thereof**

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 29, 2006

Responsive to the Office Action mailed March 29, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims: Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, Applicant presents a complete listing of the claims, including marked up versions of all currently amended claims, at pages 2-4.

Remarks: Applicant's Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.